

Sunday, May 31, 2026, 2026
Second Sunday After Pentecost
Garden Sunday
Guest Minister: Rev. Ruth McArthur
Music Ministry: Dr. Alex Shawn

Prelude

Give Thanks

H. Smith

Welcome And Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Lighting The Christ Candle Genesis 1:1-4

The Call To Worship (Responsively)

L: After the dormancy of winter.

All: New growth springs to life.

L: The birds return from their winter home.

All: Buds emerge on the trees as they discover again the earth's warmth.

L: Crocuses and spring flowers carpet the land as it throws off its winter coat.

All: The creation awakes to the possibilities of Spring.

L: Life shows itself in every corner of the earth.

All: God is our Creator, who continues to create in the rhythm of life-seasons.

L: Come Let us Worship.

Opening Hymn

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

VU 378

Candles Of Joy, Concern And Sorrow

Morning Prayer

Psalm 8

VU 732

Hymn

Come In and Sit Down chorus, vs 1, chorus

VU 395

Blessing Of The Seeds

Story: Feeding My Mother – Jann Arden, 2017 Random House Canada

Hymn:

Inch by Inch Row by Row (see insert) (children to Sunday School)

We Pray: Blessing of Seeds

Scripture Readings **Genesis 1: 27-31** **Matthew 28:16-20**

Reflection : Seeds of Life

<u>Hymn</u>	<i>This is God's Wondrous World</i>	VU 296
<u>Offertory:</u>	<i>Interlude</i>	M. Hayes
<u>Hymn Of Dedication</u>	<i>God of the Farmlands vs 1</i>	VU 306

Prayers Of The People

The Prayer Of Jesus

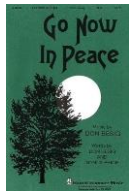
Closing Hymn Johnny Appleseed (*see insert*)

Commissioning 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul the Apostle: Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. **AMEN**



THE BLESSING

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
 God will go with you each hour of every day.
 Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
 Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Postlude: *Above All* arr. B. Wolaver